

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a special meeting on March 4, 2019 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Village Administrator Mike Busse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present	Keith Warner
	Dawn Duff
	Judy Smith
	Lois Newman
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer

Absent	Mayor McCord
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Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors:

Dave Larson – Requested approval to hold the Eric Flory PLUS 5k on April 13. Council approved this request.

Minutes

Minutes from the 2/19/19 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

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Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

2019 Budget

The proposed amended budget for 2019 was emailed to Council members and is included in Council's packet for tonight's meeting. Requesting Council vote to approve Ordinance 5-19 approving the amended 2019 budget ending December 31, 2019.

Employee Health Insurance

We have received our initial renewal quote for Anthem, and the renewal was a 19.1% increase over the previous year. We discussed this with our consultant and are currently making plans to obtain competitive quotes from other providers. Mr. Busse will keep Council updated on our progress and recommendations. The current plan runs through April 30, 2019.

Zoning

Included in Council's packet again tonight is the proposal from the Montrose Group for economic development consulting services. The Montrose Group is proposing they assist the Village in setting up a downtown renovation district, and the proposed cost for these services is \$20,000.

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R8-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for economic development consulting services with the Montrose Group.

High Street Project

Stage one plans will be submitted to ODOT tomorrow, March 5, 2019.

A follow-up meeting has been scheduled to discuss the plans and proposed R/W takes with ODOT on Tuesday March 19th at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held at ODOT district 7 and include personnel from ODOT, Choice One, Access Engineering and Mr. Busse.

Waste Water Plant Blower Replacement Project

The Notice of Award has been issued for the WWTP Phase 2 blower replacement project. A pre-construction meeting has been set for Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 1:00 PM to discuss the proposed schedule and submittal process.

2019 Street Paving Project

The 2019 street paving project is currently out for bids, and the bid date is March 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Financial Reports

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Newman and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 5-19 approving the amended budget ending December 31, 2019 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R8-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Montrose Group for economic development consulting services was made by Weer and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R8-19 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. Duff, Weer, Tobias, Smith and Warner voted aye. Newman voted no. Motion carried.

All current tax abatement agreements have now expired.

Motion to accept and approve the 2018 Tax Incentive Review Boards recommendations was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor